**Export of wheat**

869. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target fixed for the export of wheat from India during 1986-87;

(b) what is the price at which wheat will be exported; and

(c) what are the names of the countries to which wheat will be exported and whether any specific contract has so far been entered into with any country for the export of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Export of wheat during 1986-87 will depend on the international trading environment and exportable surpluses available in the country.

(b) The prevailing international prices are taken into account while concluding contracts for export of wheat.

(c) Contracts have been concluded for export of wheat to Nicaragua, Vietnam, Nepal, Jordan, and DPR Korea. These include export of wheat as commodity loan to Vietnam, and as gift to Nicaragua.

**Killing of Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy**

†870. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian fishermen were killed during the last three years by the Sri Lankan Navy, year-wise;

(b) whether any compensation has been paid by the Sri Lankan Government to the next of kin of the deceased, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whther Government of India has demanded any such compensation from Sri Lanka, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether some Indian Nationals were recently killed by the Sri Lankan Navy, if so, the details of the incident and also the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) what steps are being taken to protect the Indian fishermen in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) According to information available with the Government of India the cases of the deaths of Indian fishermen, reported during the last three yeras are as follows:

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| 1983 | Nil |
| 1984 | 1 |
| 1985 | 5 |
| 1986 | 11 |

(including 1 missing presumed dead)

(b) No compensation has been paid by the Sri Lankan Government to the next of the kin of the deceased.

(c) The question of compensation has been taken up with the Sri Lankan authorities.

(d) Reports have been received regarding two recent incidents in which Indian Fisrermen have been killed. In one incident on June 27, 1986 a Sri Lankan naval vessel rammed the Indian fishing boat 18—264 causing it to sink. Four of the five crew members on the Indian fishing boat were rescused by the Sri Lankan naval vessel, but one fisherman is still missing and is presumed dead.

On July 1, two Indian fishing boats, numbered STP-23 RM-423 and IP-23 RAM-120 went in search of a missing Indian fishing boat (No. STP-23, RM-148) in Sri Lankan waters after taking permission from the Sri Lankan Navy. According to reports received, while the boats were engaged in their sarch operations (in Sri Lankan waters), they were intercepted by the Sri Lankan security personnel, who

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